



# A Celebration of Kids Club

**Morning Service**

Sunday 17th August 2014 at 11.00am



## **Prayer Ministry**

Members of the Church's Prayer Ministry Team are available in the Prayer Chapel following morning worship for anyone who would like people to pray for them.

Prayer is available to everyone whether you are a church member or not.

Our prayer ministry team are trained individuals under the authority of our ministers and all matters are treated in strictest confidence.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:14).

## **Today**

**The evening series** is about people whom Jesus met. *That why it's called **Close Encounters**.*

**Sunday Night Live** starts at 7.00pm and Barry McCroskery will continue with the series "Close Encounters" from Matthew 8: 5-13.

## **Sunday 24th August**

*The morning series is looking at the book of psalms. We have given it the title "**Songs in the key of Life**" because the psalms touch on every area of human experience.*

**Sunday Morning Worship** starts at 11.00am and Barry McCroskery will continue with the series "Songs in the Key of Life" from Psalm 73.

**The evening series** is about people whom Jesus met. *That why it's called **Close Encounters**.*

**Sunday Night Live** starts at 7.00pm and John O'Donnell will continue with the series "Close Encounters" from Mark 10: 46-52.

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

### **Prayer for people**

This week please pray for those in our congregation family who are in hospital, or in need of prayer, especially Pearl, Robert, Diana, Kathy, Gerry, Bob, Eileen, Patricia, Barbara, Jennifer, Sally, Kathleen, Vivien, Miriam, Min and Gladys.

## **MISSION IRELAND**

### **Arklow Presbyterian Church**

Pray for:

- Pray for the Kirk Session, Committee and Congregation and Vacancy Convener (Rev Dr Kathryn Meyer) and that the congregation will be able to move swiftly to a position of being granted leave to call a new minister.
- Pray for all the churches that will be vacant by the end of June along the south east coast of Ireland – Bray, Blackrock, Greystones and Arklow.
- Pray for great wisdom for BMI, Union Commission and the Dublin and Munster Presbytery as decisions are made about these churches in granting leave to call.

### **Donabate Church Plant – Revd Andy Carroll**

- **Praise and Prayer for:**
- Give thanks to God that Donabate received permission by the General Assembly to be constituted as a full PCI Church.
- We are thankful to God for the oversight and hard work that has come from BMI and presbytery in helping to get us to this point.
- Pray for seventeen people who recently became new members.
- Ask that God gives us great opportunities to share the gospel and build relationships during our summer kids' club, which runs from 18 – 22 August at the community centre.

## **MISSION OVERSEAS**

### **MISSION TRIPS**

Pray for Fisherwick interns and young people who are away on Missions:

*Pray for God to bless each one with safety, good health, and that through their ministry they may grow in their faith and bring God's blessing to many.*

#### **South Africa**

**Gareth Clegg** is in South Africa where he will be working until late September with Out of Africa Missions.

#### **USA**

**Lucy Armstrong** is in Dallas, Texas where she is working with and mentoring young people for the Mercy Street community outreach programme.

## **London**

Alex Cameron is working in an area of London where there is considerable gang fighting. She is working for an organization whose role is to provide a Christian presence in areas of conflict and model a lifestyle of peace and reconciliation. Pray that she may settle in well, be kept safe and that through her ministry that others may find Christ and learn to live in harmony. Pray also that God may provide her with employment as her current position is a voluntary one.

## **POINTS FOR PRAYER**

### **From MISSION OVERSEAS PRAYERLINE**

#### **SOUTH SUDAN**

Today (13th), the Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Michael Barry, launched an Appeal for South Sudan. The country, which was established in July 2011, is the world's youngest nation. Sadly, conflict broke out last December and since then, well over 10,000 people have been killed and around two million people have fled their homes. Four million people are now in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, including one million people from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan - PCI's Partner Church.

The United Nations has described the crisis as the "worst in the world"! The world's' youngest nation is on the brink of the worst famine the world has seen in 30 years!

In anticipation of the generosity of PCI members, the church has released £50,000 to Christian Aid, Tearfund and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency.

*Dr Barry writes, "News Bulletins are dominated by the unfolding turmoil in the Middle East and every day brings more very disturbing scenes. Most recently the focus has been on over one million people fleeing their homes in Iraq in the face of Islamic extremism, and this, along with the suffering of the people of Gaza with almost half a million people in need of emergency aid, is heart-breaking....."*

*...Given the scale of this particular need, today I am launching a special Moderator-supported Appeal for South Sudan.... I would encourage you to continue to pray and to give generously that we may play our part in saving lives and restoring hope to the many caught up in this catastrophic situation."*

- Pray for an immediate ceasefire and lasting peace in South Sudan, believing that 'nothing is impossible' for our God, the One who is Sovereign, ruling over all the nations of the world.

- Pray for the people of South Sudan, particularly for all those who are living in daily fear of meeting with violence, having their homes destroyed or suffering death; and for those who are injured, displaced or grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for all in need of food aid, water and medical treatment. Pray that each person will get the humanitarian assistance they need in time.
- Pray for all working to bring relief aid to those most in need that their efforts will succeed despite the very complex situation on the ground and the significant 'logistical' challenges they face.
- Pray for the leaders and members of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Pray that they will find strength in the Lord at this time of catastrophe. Remember especially the Moderator, Rev Peter Gai Lual and General Secretary Rev John Yor Nyiker, as they seek to provide wise and courageous leadership.

*For more info go to: [www.pcimissionoverseas.org/get-involved/south-sudan-famine-appeal/](http://www.pcimissionoverseas.org/get-involved/south-sudan-famine-appeal/)*

## **MIDDLE EAST**

News headlines are currently dominated by the distressing situations in Iraq and Gaza. Yesterday (Tuesday 12th), the Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Michael Barry, issued a statement encouraging prayer for persecuted Christians in Iraq.

*He writes, "As God showed concern for Nineveh in the days of Jonah, let us demonstrate our love to fellow believers in that same area, in their distress. Whilst we may feel helpless in the situation, we must pray for God's help and compassion to those left heartbroken thousands of miles away. Unfortunately, persecution of Christians is not unique to the country of Iraq. There are other countries in the world where people are being oppressed and killed because of their Christian faith."*

- Pray for Christians and other minorities who are being persecuted in Iraq and in the wider world.
- Pray too for those suffering as a result of the continuing violence between Gaza and Israel.
- Pray that sufficient humanitarian assistance and medical help will reach all those in need in time.
- Pray also for the leaders in Iraq and other nations; pray that they respond to IS (Islamic State) effectively.
- Pray for all efforts to bring a ceasefire and for a peaceful and just end to each conflict in the region.

*To read the Moderator's full statement, go to <http://www.pcimissionoverseas.org/news/>*

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

### **Young Adults Bible Conference**

#### **THE WORD**

'The Word' Young Adults' Bible Conference will take place in the  
Faith Mission Centre, Portadown  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014

The keynote speaker for the weekend is Rev. James Burnett from Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church.

There is a poster for the event on the notice board at the back of the church.  
See website for further details: [pciyac.org](http://pciyac.org)

### **SMALL GROUPS**

For information about Small Groups in Fisherwick check out the information boards beside the Coffee Bar, the website or contact the Church Office. The Small group Co-Ordinators are Peter and Linda Little.

### **Congregational Prayers**

Throughout August, the congregation is invited to meet for prayer on Wednesday Evenings. This will be held from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

**Congregational Prayers**  
**In the Prayer Chapel**  
**Wednesday 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**P.S.** If you can't stay for the whole hour, please come anyway and leave when you have to.

## **Leading Prayers and Reading Scripture**

If you would like to participate in a service by leading prayers or reading scripture please speak to Gary McDowell or Barry McCroskery. You can also email [gary@fisherwick.net](mailto:gary@fisherwick.net) and [barry@fisherwick.net](mailto:barry@fisherwick.net).

## **LITTLE FISHES**

Little Fishes is in the parlour. It is a place for parents to leave their babies and toddlers during the church service. There are supervised activities, toys and a snack time. There is also a designated baby area with a protective screen with a crèche leader supervising. The co-ordinator is Lynne Guiney. Rota below:

### **LITTLE FISHES ROTA**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cover 1</b>	<b>Cover 2</b>	<b>Cover 3</b>
24/08/14	Kathryn Ward	Mark Ward	Susan Parkinson
31/08/14	Kathryn Ward	Mark Ward	Susan Parksion
07/09/14	Emma Brown	Amy Farrow	Hazel Cowan
14/09/14	Emma Brown	Amy Farrow	Hazel Cowan
21/09/14	Peter Little	Raing McCullagh	Kelli Moulton
28/09/14	Peter Little	Raing McCullagh	Kelli Moulton

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